

**Community Development Committee
Regular Meeting
August 15, 2003 - 8:30 am
Tribal Office Conference Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairperson Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m. Those present: Jim Horton, Bernard Vigue, Pat Corn and Dave Corn. Susan Waukau, Wendell Askenette and Dave Grignon were absent. Also present for the meeting was, Janice Reed, Frieda Bergeon, Ken Fish and Leah Olson.

2. Moment of Silence - A moment of silence was observed.

3. Review Minutes Dated July 18, 2003-

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to approve the minutes dated July 18, 2003. Motion was seconded by Jim Horton. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Horton to suspend the agenda and move to other business for one issue only and go back to the regular agenda. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

A person was present to discuss with the committee a complaint he had regarding a next door neighbor that had put a fence up and it is on his property. Bernard Vigue stated that the fence has been moved but the complainant stated that he didn't move it far enough and that the fence is an eye sore and he would like the fence brought down.

Bernard stated that this has been an ongoing problem and that it has been brought to the attention of Community Development.

Motion made by Jim Horton that this issue be put on the next committee agenda and that whoever (in Community Development) is working on the issue have a report for the committee with recommendations. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Horton to go back to agenda number four. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

4. Pow-Wow Report-

Stephanie was not present and Chairperson Boivin wanted her present to answer questions on concerns that were raised about the Pow-Wow.

Motion made by Jim Horton to table until Stephanie Awonohopay is reached and here for the meeting. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

5. **Land Issue-**

Janice Reed was present to discuss with the committee a complaint she has regarding her neighbor who is encroaching onto her property. Janice stated that the neighbor built a garage and a portion of it is on her property. Chairperson Boivin wanted to know from Janice what she wanted done and Janice stated that she wants the garage tore down and moved off from her property.

Chairperson Boivin stated that the only thing that can be done by committee is to resurvey the property which is unsatisfactory for Janice. Chairperson Boivin stated that Janice can also take the issue to Tribal Courts.

Bernard Vigue stated that Community Development could write the letters and send them to MTPD and a citation can be issued.

Motion made by Dave Corn that Community Development write a letter to the MTPD on the encroachment of Lot 11 onto Lot 10 of Wood Duck Court Addition. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Horton to go back to number 4. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

4. **Pow-Wow Report-**

Chairperson Boivin asked Stephanie if she had a final report yet. Stephanie stated that she did not complete a final report yet because all the bills weren't in yet. Stephanie also stated that the way it looks now, there should be more than enough left to cover the bills and there should even be a couple of hundred dollars left over.

Chairperson Boivin went over some of the concerns that were mentioned to her about the Pow-Wow;

- The Princess Contest Scoring/Judging-Stephanie stated that she had no control over that and any complaints could have been made to the head tabulator (Jamie Wayka) throughout the whole weekend. Chairperson Boivin would like to see the score sheets or have some kind of report from Jamie.
- Bathrooms were really bad-Stephanie stated that every year the bathrooms are bad and that it doesn't matter how often they are cleaned, the bathrooms are basically outhouses.
- No golf carts for elders-Chairperson Boivin stated that some elders didn't like the fact that the golf carts weren't available for them to use. Stephanie did not respond.
- Children running wild-Chairperson Boivin stated that the kids running around were one of the biggest complaints she received. People told her that they don't even want to go to the Pow-Wow if the children aren't controlled. Stephanie stated that this is a problem every year. Tribal Police were in charge of security but there just weren't enough of them around and the children have no respect for the Police Officers in uniform either. The Police Officers would yell at the kids but the kids wouldn't listen to them. Stephanie stated that every year the issue is discussed but no one can seem to come up with a solution.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding next year's Pow-Wow and who should be in charge of it. Committee members feel that the event is cultural so therefore it should go to the Language & Culture Commission. Committee discussed whether or not the Woodland Bowl would still be under Community Development Department and Bernard stated that he

wouldn't mind it under his program as long as some money was put into the budget to take care of all the things that need fixing there.

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that the Pow-Wow go to the Language & Culture Commission. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Pat Corn to have Community Development come up with a maintenance plan for the Woodland Bowl with a cost breakdown. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Chairperson Boivin stated that the Pow-Wow will remain on the agenda for the next meeting and she would Stephanie to have a final report for the committee along with a report from the Head Tabulator.

6. Bridge Replacement-

Bernard Vigue informed the committee that the bridge on Hwy 47 just past Zoar is going to be replaced by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The project will totally cut off and reroute traffic from April 1, 2004 to June 11, 2004.

Committee members feel that the project has to be completed by Memorial Day because it would be rough to cut the traffic during that time of year due to vacationers. No action was taken.

7. Continental Business Proposal-

A person from Continental Job Information Incorporated was present and discussed with the committee an opportunity for the tribe to become business partners in selling training manuals to help citizens to pass the Federal Civil Service exam. Committee asked questions and discussed the business. No action was taken.

8. Rural Development Full Application-

Lew Boyd was present and informed the committee that the Tribe has been invited to submit a full application to Rural Development for a community well and water tower in the Keshena and would like committee approval to send to the Menominee Tribal Legislature.

Motion made by Jim Horton to approve and send to the Menominee Tribal Legislature the request to submit a full application for a community well and water tower. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent, 1-abstention (Dave Corn). Motion carried.

9. Bid Policy-

Jim Horton presented the committee with a bid policy change. Committee went into lengthy discussion on the policy.

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to send to the Management Team recommendation

for Bid Policy change for action and report to the Community Development Committee at the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

10. Supermarket Update-

Bernard Vigue talked about the plans for the convenient store and the mall project. Bernard stated that he has met with Associated Bank and financing for the project doesn't seem to be a problem. Committee would like to see the costs of putting in the sewer and water, roads and parking lot.

Motion made by Jim Horton to deviate from the procurement policy to do a design build of the convenient store to expedite the process so it can be up and running by next spring. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Community members were present and were very upset about the closing of the Supermarket. Community members stated that the closing of the supermarket hurt a lot of tribal members especially those who are on WIC and those that use the Quest card. They also were upset because many of the meetings that took place where the decision was made to close the store was done in executive session and community members didn't have the chance to have a say on whether or not the store should close. The bottom line is that community members want something opened NOW because they don't want to have to wait until the C-Store opens next spring.

Committee members went into lengthy discussion regarding options that can take place now. Chairperson Boivin informed the community members that a report will be in the Tribal News on why the Supermarket closed. Community members didn't feel that was enough and would like to see a schedule of motions that were made, the plan that Community Development Committee was directed by motion to come up with, and would like to see a plan for an interim store until the C-Store is complete.

Community members also wanted (by motion) a brief description of the C-Store will have available for customers.

Motion made by Jim Horton that the C-Store will accommodate those that use Quest and who are on WIC that it have tax free gas, meat and produce departments and any others that may help the Menominee Community. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

The workgroup will work on the issue of the interim store.

11. Other Business-

Bernard Vigue stated that at the last MTL meeting the Legislature directed his department to come up with alternate sites for a new cemetery and he came up with four. Committee discussed all four sites and made the following recommendation.

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to recommend site C to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for a new cemetery site. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Bernard Vigue discussed with the committee the Vehicle Storage Bids and would like the committee to ask MTL to reconsider the bid award. Chairperson Boivin stated that the MTL made a motion to re-bid so committee agreed that the project should just be re-bid.

Bernard Vigue discussed with the committee a request to use the Woodland Bowl for a family reunion on September 13, 2003.

Motion made by Jim Horton to approve the request to use the Woodland Bowl for Helen Kittecon Couture on September 13, 2003. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

12. Adjournment-

Motion made by Jim Horton to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services